

International Colloquium

***Rethinking Prostitution: From Discourse to Description,
from Moralisation to Normalisation?***

(Faculty of Law, Ghent University, 27 March 2014)

Programme

10.15 – 10.30 *Arrival, tea and coffee*

10.30 – 10.45 *Welcome address*

Session I: Prostitution in action: past and present

Chair: Prof. dr. Gert Vermeulen

10.45 – 11.20 *Prostitution in world cities (1600s – 2000s)*

Magaly Rodríguez García (Free University of Brussels (VUB-ULB))

11.20 – 11.55 *Europe's legal red-light districts: Comparing different models and distilling best practices*

Ron Weitzer (The George Washington University, USA)

11.55 – 12.30 *Prostitution and its relations with informal economies*

Dominique Boels (Ghent University)

Lunch (12.30 – 13.00)

Session II: Construction of prostitution as a social problem

Chair: Prof. dr. Nina Peršak

13.00 – 13.35 *Talking about prostitution and the representation of a (problematic) group: Identifying frames in Flemish news coverage on prostitution*

Katrien Symons (Ghent University) and Kristien Gillis (University of Antwerp)

13.35 – 14.10 *Regulating street prostitution as public nuisance in the 'culture of consumption': A comparative analysis between Birmingham, Brussels and Milan*

Anna Di Ronco (Ghent University)

14.10 – 14.45 *Analysing the use of the trafficking victim archetype by Brazil and the Iberian countries*

Julie Lima de Pérez (Ghent University)

Tea and coffee break (14.45 – 15.00)

Session III: Prostitution policies beyond moralism

Chair: Prof. dr. Gert Vermeulen

15.00 – 15.35 *The framing of prostitution as victimhood and violence for criminalisation purposes*

Nina Peršak (Ghent University)

15.35 – 16.10 *To punish or not to punish: What works in the regulation of the prostitution market?*

Alexis Aronowitz (Utrecht University, NL)

16.10 – 16.45 *Private-public cooperation in the prostitution sector through self-regulation and certification and the focusing of law enforcement efforts on providers and users of non-certified services?*

Gert Vermeulen (Ghent University)

16.45 – 17.20 *Sex work, policy and empowerment in the media: Who's talking?*

Alexander Witpas (Flemish Association for Sexology (VVS))

Closing of the colloquium (17.20 – 17.45)

Organisation: Prof. Nina Peršak and Prof. Gert Vermeulen

Venue: Faculty Council Room (Facultaire Raadzaal), Faculty of Law, Ghent (entrance through Volderstraat Nr. 3)

